

~Meeting Minutes~

Androscoggin County Commissioners

May 6, 2020

(Video Conference) Regular Meeting 5:15 p.m.

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – by Chair John Michael at 5:15 P.M.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Commissioners: Chair John Michael, Vice-Chair Sally Christner, Noel Madore, Terri Kelly, Brian Ames, Isaiah Lary, Marc Roy.

Other: County Administrator Larry Post, Treasurer Clarice Proctor, Sheriff Eric Samson, Facility Director David Cote, Reilly Bryant, Delbert Mason.

IV. MINUTES

a. Meeting Dates: April 15, 2020.

Motion: to approve the April 15, 2020 minutes.

Kelly-Ames 5-1

For: Ames, Michael, Christner, Kelly, Madore.

Opposed: Lary

V. WARRANTS

Motion: to review and approve all bills, part-time deputies' payroll, Warrants # Payroll, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033. Corrections Division Warrants #1093J, 1972J, 3016J, 3017J.

Kelly-Christner 5-1

For: Ames, Michael, Christner, Kelly, Madore.

Opposed: Lary

VI. REPORTS

A. MCCA – No report.

B. Central/Western Maine Workforce Board – Commissioner Kelly stated that the Central/Western Maine Workforce Board has been very busy training Mainers who have lost their jobs due to the COVID19 situation. The Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act strengthens and improves the workforce system by preparing individuals for high quality jobs through free training. More information can be found at <http://cwmwdb.org>.

Commissioner Roy arrived

C. Facility & I.T. Reports- No reports

D. Administrator's Report – Administrator Post gave an update on current activities.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC –

Discussions regarding *VIII. New Business B. Resolution Regarding Restarting Economy-*

12 Citizens spoke in favor of the resolution

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Policy for Contacting Attorney

Motion: to table A. *Policy for Contacting Attorney*.

Lary-Kelly 7-0

B. Resolution Regarding Restarting Economy

Motion: to pass the Resolution Regarding Restarting Economy.

Kelly-Lary (no vote)

Discussion regarding the resolution, and *Comments from the Public*

Motion: to amend the resolution by dispensing with the “Whereas” (statements) and to change section 3 to:

“3. The force of law be removed from shutdown and lock down orders and instead have those practices immediately become voluntary, neither forcing any businesses, churches and religious organizations or other groups to remain closed nor requiring any to be open, in order to protect First Amendment rights.”

Lary-Ames 6-1

For: Ames, Michael, Christner, Kelly, Roy, Lary

Against: Madore

Motion: to pass the amended Resolution Regarding Restarting Economy.

Kelly-Lary 6-1

For: Ames, Michael, Christner, Kelly, Roy, Lary

Against: Madore

Resolution Urging President Trump and Governor Mills to Forthwith Open Up the Maine Economy

We the assembled Members of the Androscoggin County Board of Commissioners hereby recommend that:

- 1. The availability of testing continues to be expanded.*
- 2. Protection of the elderly be continued and practices such as delivering meals to seniors be continued and expanded until the danger passes.*
- 3. The force of law be removed from shutdown and lock down orders and instead have those practices immediately become voluntary, neither forcing any businesses, churches and religious organizations or other groups to remain closed nor requiring any to be open, in order to protect First Amendment rights.*

We additionally hereby proclaim an economic emergency for the County and the State of Maine and declare the need to fully open back up the State of Maine forthwith for business and assembly; and We beseech President Trump and Governor Mills to take immediate action to do so.

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Commissioners Only) n/a

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS n/a

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: to enter into executive session pursuant to Title 1 MSRA, section 405(6) Subsection(A).
Roy-Ames 7-0

Commissioners returned to public session.

Motion: the board confirms that Sergeant Rielly is eligible to retire with the family health insurance plan.
Christner-Ames 6-1
For: Ames, Michael, Christner, Kelly, Roy, Lary
Against: Lary

XII. ADJOURN

Motion: to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.
Lary-Kelly 7-0

Larry Post, County Administrator